



## Volunteer Position Description for Tule Elk Docent

**Supervisor:** Doug Hee, Park Rangers

**Location:** Tomales Point Trailhead and Trail, Point Reyes National Seashore

**Project Duration:** August – October, 2016 on Saturdays and Sundays plus Labor Day (13 weekends)

**Time commitment:** Minimum commitment is 6 weekend/holiday days, 7.5 hours (9:30 am to 5:00 pm) per day

**Minimum age:** 16 years

### Goals/Outcome of Position:

To help strengthen the connection with and foster stewardship of Point Reyes National Seashore among park visitors by helping visitors view, understand, and appreciate tule elk during the rut, or mating season

### Description of Duties

- Identify suitable tule elk viewing areas at the Tomales Point Trailhead (Pierce Point Ranch) and along the trail and set up spotting scopes for public viewing
- Help visitors view, understand, and appreciate the tule elk by interpreting rut behavior and by educating visitors about tule elk natural history
- Provide general park information and assistance to visitors
- Use interpretive materials to help communicate information
- Professionally represent the National Park Service by wearing an identifying docent vest and interact with visitors in a friendly, courteous, tactful, and helpful manner
- Operate a two-way radio to communicate with fellow docents and park staff

### Tools and Equipment to be Used in the Performance of Duties

- Spotting scopes and tripods
- Binoculars
- Interpretive and educational materials
- Two-way radio

### Training Provided and/or Required

Training is provided online and during an in-class training on July 9 and 23, 2016.

**Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired**

- Very good oral communication skills with a diversity of people
- Ability to work independently
- Knowledge of the park helpful
- Teaching experience helpful

**Special Requirements of the Position**

- Ability to spend a majority of the time standing, walking, and/or hiking
- Ability to tolerate sun, wind, fog, and cold
- Ability to carry up to 15 pounds of interpretive materials (spotting scopes, antlers, backpack) a distance of up to 1 mile
- The volunteer must complete the “California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Statement Form” regarding access to confidential information

**Benefits to the Volunteer**

- Personal enrichment and experience working in a national park setting
- Training and education about the tule elk and related park resources
- Satisfaction in promoting awareness and protection of the tule elk
- Satisfaction and experience in communicating with and helping park visitors while representing the National Park Service